

Friends of Delnor - Wiggins Pass State Park
Board Meeting Minutes: April 4, 2016
Monday 10 AM - Surf Colony Party Room

Board members present: Marcia Byrd, Kathy Foster, Joe Gagnier, Gabriella Miyamoto, Phil Nye, Ann Petrillo, Kathe Rasch, Valerie Thompson

Board members absent: Larry Beer

Staff present: Mark Nicoletti

Proceedings:

A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Ann Petrillo, President. The March minutes were approved.

Reports of Officers:

President - Bonita Beach Shell Club gave \$600 to the Friends. Ann, Bob and Lori attended the Shell Club meeting to receive the check. Marcia will send a thank you to the organization. Ann requested information regarding a suggested project by Park Management to post Interpretive Boards that the Friends will partially fund. Mark reported that the panels measure 2'x3' and will cost \$516. Installation will come out of the park budget. The security cameras project previously requested by Park Management was tabled per Bob. Milagros Duggan has agreed to become the treasurer following Kathe's resignation. She was assistant treasurer at the University of Michigan. Ann will look into the bylaws to see what procedure must be followed to place her on the board.

Treasurer – Kathe distributed an updated budget. The monthly report will be sent out later. Income of \$100 came in from an artist and \$600 was donated by Bonita Shell Club. She will get the first quarter report from our accountant. Kathe will meet with Milagros regarding the transition of treasurers.

Park Manager – Mark discussed attendance at the Park on Easter Sunday. There were 800 people less than previous year which was noticeable. What was different was that the Collier County Sheriff did not allow cars to line up in the gate entry lane during the wee hours of the morning. Many of those drivers went to Connor Park to wait for the gate to admit them. Rosa Simone was first on the scene and said no one was in line. The Park opened at 7 AM and reached capacity forcing closure of the park. The Saturday before Easter Sunday was same as year before and went over carrying capacity for the day. The ramps and repairs in Area 1 will be completed soon.

Park Specialist – Lori had the day off and there was no report.

Reports of Committees:

Art Show – The Art Show Committee total income is now \$3,128.26 with the addition of \$100. Kathy sent Todd Richards a thank you on behalf of the Friends. The chairs will meet with Milagros to go over the financial details of the Art Show. They will meet with one of the two new members to get her involved in the process. Sixteen artists are signed up for 2017. Four others are interested. Valerie requested that we get business cards from artists that we see at other art shows and whose work would be in keeping with our art show theme. Photographic art is not needed at this time.

Children's Art show – A save the date flyer will be sent to schools in August. More detailed guidelines will be mailed out later. Marcia is looking for a co-chair for this show.

Membership – Kathy plans to meet with the Naples Park Association to promote membership and make locals aware of the Friends organization. Gabriella will contact Larry with new information to be put on the gate passes. She will contact Alicia Astorga regarding the 149 former members who were purged from the membership in March.

Unfinished Business:

Coastal Forum – The last Coastal Forum is April 12, 2016 at 3 PM. Due to the low turnout and challenges of the venue (pavilion), the consensus of the board is to not continue this partnership with the ECA. It was suggested that if the ECA wants to continue these forums at the park then renting the pavilion is an option.

Field trip – Our Field Trip to The Barnacle Historic Park in Coconut Grove on March 8 was very nice, very informative, and too far, according to Ann. We were impressed with the visionary park manager, Katrina Boler, and the many activities and events she holds at the park in conjunction with the Friends. Marcia sent her a thank you.

Shirts for beach stewards – With no proposal from Bob, this subject was tabled. The March minutes request what we need to know. Mark was asked to get this information from Bob or Lori.

PR information from Sue Huff – Sue charged us \$250 each for the pre- and the post-publicity. She got us in the news before the event and got a nice photo article following. She came to the event on Sunday and took wonderful photos. She has sent them to Alicia to put on the website. Florida Weekly is supposed to print something in the next few weeks.

The Tax Exempt Certificate expires this year. Larry will be contacted to get the updated copy.

New Business:

Picnic – The last membership meeting of the year is on April 11th at 11 AM. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be served at 11:30 AM following a brief meeting. Kathy will get the food including chips, condiments, and a veggie tray. Ann has ordered the cake. Water is available in the locked cabinet in the CSO room. Marcia volunteered to created a 20 questions activity. We will sell BOGO t-shirts, Marcia will make a sign. There will be 2 prizes to lucky members who have a special mark under their plate. Kathy will prepare the plates for the prizewinners.

Next board meeting is October 3, 2016 at 10 AM in the Surf Colony Party Room.

Adjournment : 11:00 AM

Respectfully submitted, Marcia Byrd, Secretary

Date Approved _____